

JAPAN AWAITING CHINA'S NEXT MOVE

Nipponese Make Claims of Right of Development and Expansion

GIVEN UNTIL SUNDAY.

Tokyo Officials Still Hope War Will Be Averted—Secretary Bryan's Statement

Tokyo, May 7.—The Japanese government is quietly awaiting the next move by China. Its position is assured. There will be no change, officials say. China must choose whether she wants Japan as a friendly potent factor in her development or whether Japan will have to use force to enforce her claims of the right of development and expansion along natural geographical lines.

The Japanese position has been emphasized to the Chinese government. There is nothing now to do but await the decision of the latter.

Eki Hioki, the Japanese minister to China, has received his instructions. He will remain at his post until the time limit set for China to accede to Japan.

Then, at 6 p. m. on Sunday, unless China has replied to the ultimatum of Japan, or if the answer is unsatisfactory, he will ask for his passports and he and his suite, as well as all Japanese consular agents will leave China.

Officials admit that the situation is most serious, but they say that they are still hopeful that a peaceful outcome can be arranged. It is accepted in Tokyo as necessary that President Yuan Shi Kai defer until the last possible moment making the concessions that will prevent war.

The anti-Japanese party in China is very large and influential. Numbered in its ranks are the leaders of all of the anti-government parties in China. They have openly declared that the President was pro-Japanese and have threatened revolution. It is necessary, therefore, that the Chinese government take an apparently firm stand in opposition to the Japanese demands.

But everywhere it is recognized that China is in no position successfully to oppose the Japanese armed strength, and in the last analysis acceptance of the Japanese conditions is looked for.

Washington, May 7.—Secretary Bryan has issued the following statement on the position of the United States toward the pending negotiations between Japan and China.

"In order that there may be no misunderstanding of the position of the United States in reference to the negotiations pending between Japan and China the following announcement is made:

"At the beginning of negotiations the Japanese government confidentially informed this government of the matters which were under discussion and accompanied the information by the assurance that Japan had no intention of interfering with either the political independence or territorial integrity of China, and that nothing that she proposed would discriminate against other powers having treaties with China, or interfere with the 'open door' policy to which all the leading nations are committed.

NAMES OMITTED.

Through inadvertence, in last evening's Gazette, the following names were omitted in the April report of the Expression Classes at St. Mary's Junior Course: 1st. Degree-Blue Ribbon: Miss Geraldine Davis. Primary Course: 2nd.—Degree-Pink Ribbon: Miss Virginia Wilkins.

A NIGHT IN DIXIE LAND

Will be repeated
TONIGHT, MAY 7th. 8 p. m.

SCHOOL HOUSE AT MT. IDA

Under the direction of Miss Ella Hill.
For the benefit of

ST. RITA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADMISSION.....25c

ALEXANDRIA MAP FREE

AT THE GAZETTE OFFICE

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Bitter Attack Upon Aristocratic and Wealthy Clergy.

Bitter attack upon aristocratic and wealthy clergy was made in a battle over old age pensions at yesterday's convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Washington, held in Bethlehem Chapel at Mt. St. Alban's.

Bishop Alfred Harding was compelled to call the leader of the assault to order.

The fighting was over the plan for the pensioning of clergymen upon reaching the age of 68. It has been endorsed by the general convention and will be put into effect if approved throughout the country. It provides for payment of premiums by the dioceses into a general pension fund, fixed at \$5,000,000. It proposes pensions proportionate to the salaries drawn by the clergymen.

Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim, of Epiphany Church, introduced the resolution. G. S. Whitmore submitted a minority report, denouncing the sliding scale and advocating a flat pension of \$600 a year without payment of bounties to high salaried clergy.

Rev. G. S. Whitmore, of St. Agnes Chapel, led the assault upon the majority report. He said:

"The rich and powerful have too long exerted a dominating influence in this church. A wonderful and a horrible thing has come to pass in the land. Prophets prophesy falsely and the priests bear rule by their means and my people love to have it so, and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

Bishop Harding interrupted with loud raps.

"Sir, I call you to order," he said. "I cannot listen to such remarks. I forbid it."

"The aristocratic clergy who would sanction such a plan," continued Rev. Mr. Whitmore, "are moral and spiritual bankrupts and should retire before reaching the age of sixty-eight. This plan is but a symptom of a disease of worldliness that is creeping into the church. This plan is a disease of a vicious, malignant and spiritually decadent aristocracy based on wealth."

The substitute plan was defeated by a vote of 70 to 11. The resolution endorsing the original plan then was carried by a large majority.

"In fifty-one years of ministry in Virginia, New York, Maryland and the District," said Dr. McKim, "I never before heard a discussion so painful because of the effort to array wealth against poverty?"

WORLD-WIDE WAR COMING

German Savant Says United States Will be in Mixup

Philadelphia, May 7.—Prediction that a world-wide war is drawing near and that the United States will be drawn into it in order to protect her rights on land and sea was made yesterday afternoon by Prof. Kuno Meyer, the German savant.

Asked his opinion as to whether China and Japan will go to war, Dr. Meyer replied: "I think so. This will be a whole century of wars. China and Japan will fight. The war will extend to the Indian and Pacific oceans. Australia will be brought in to it. American will be drawn into it, despite her efforts to remain neutral."

"In fact, it will be a world-wide war between the white and the yellow races, as my emperor has expressed it."

"This is a golden opportunity for Japan. She realizes that the European nations cannot interfere with her and that America will not."

"Those who think the statesmen of various countries are suffering from an aberration will change their minds late on. It will be a question of superiority. There are so many underlying reasons for the great war that it is to come that it will take a great deal of time to explain it all."

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Marshall Carr, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned, and all persons to whom said estate is indebted are requested to present their accounts properly certified for payment.

E. A. GORMAN
Administrator

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ITALY PREPARES TO ENTER WAR

Forty Passenger Trains Suspended on Main Railway Lines

GERMANY'S WARNING

Duke of Abruzzi to be Commander of Royal Fleet—Suspension of Telegraph and Telephone Service.

Rome, May 7.—The railway administration has announced the suspension of forty passenger trains on the main lines.

It is understood this action was taken to facilitate the movement of troops and munitions of war to the concentration bases.

Italy has been warned of the consequence of entering the war on the side of the allies. Telegraphing from Berlin to which he had returned after an inspection of both battle fronts the Kaiser notified Prince von Buelow that the English troops in the west are useless and that within a fortnight the Russians will be driven out of Galicia.

Italy was warned under direct instructions from the Kaiser that Austria's cause is Germany's and that Austria's enemies must be Germany's. Because of this, should Italy come into the war she will be opposed by a great German army.

The Italian government continues its war preparations. The army is concentrated at strategic points. The fleet is ready for action and the first thing to be done after war is declared will be the gazetting of the Duke of the Abruzzi as commander-in-chief of the royal fleet. The government has issued a royal decree authorizing the suspension of telegraph and telephone service without notice.

ALIGATOR GIRL COMING

Strange Creature Will be Seen With Johnny Jones Shows.

Prenatal influence has long been a recognized factor in the strange markings and habits of persons but none has yet been brought into the public eye which is more remarkable than that which has cast its blight on Betty Cook, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cook, of Nashville, Berrien County, Georgia. Betty is known as the alligator girl and will be seen with the Johnny J. Jones Exposition Shows when they exhibit at Baggett's lot under the auspices of the Alexandria Fire Department next week.

This curious person possesses many of the physical attributes as well as the habits of the alligator. Her skin is the exact texture of that animal and when rain creates muddy puddles on the show lot all manner of persuasion is required to prevent Betty from splashing in the dirty water. She has no use of her lower limbs and, in consequence, her mode of locomotion is quite similar to the creature from which she derives her sobriquet. Mentally stunted, she cannot speak a word and makes her few simple wants known to her parents (who accompany her) by signs.

The girl is twenty-one years of age and is, to all appearances, healthy and happy. Her principal article of diet is fish, although she eats some meat, but vegetables and bread stuffs are strenuous to her.

Shortly before the child's birth, her mother, Mrs. Cook, walking along the banks of the Suwanee River which flows by their Georgia home, was frightened by the sudden appearance of an alligator from among the river foliage and this instance has been admitted by well known men of the medical profession to account for Betty's peculiarity.

Three other children born to the Cooks before and after the alligator girl's birth are perfectly normal and said to be fine specimens of physical man and womanhood.

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LUSITANIA TORPEDOED

Giant Liner Goes to Bottom Off Oldhead at 3:33 This Morning

London May 7.—The giant Cunarder, Lusitania was torpedoed and sunk off Oldhead, Kinsdale at 3:33 o'clock this morning. All details are lacking but it is reported that the passengers and crew have taken to the boats and were saved.

The Lusitania sailed last Saturday from New York, and is due in Liverpool today.

CARDINAL A. C. VS. MARINES

Good Game Scheduled Sunday at New Ball Park

The strong and fast U. S. Marine Corps Baseball team from the Washington Marine Barracks, will come to this city Sunday to play the Cardinals in their new park. The fighting sons of Uncle Sam are no strangers here, having played three games with the Cardinals last year and won two out of three. This season they have some new players who were sent to the National Capital station because the officers were desirous of having a winning ball team, and these stars will be in the line up, and no doubt will cause the home lads trouble to defeat them.

The Cardinals will use their best men to tackle the soldiers. The battery selection has not been made but the chances are favorable to Jack Risdon and Melvin Jones. Dick Snowden has been playing great baseball this year, and his base running and sensational catches made the two games played on the new grounds were of the "goldbrand" order.

On account of the early arrival of the railroad trains bringing the Jones Carnival Company, it will be necessary for the Cardinal-Marine game to be called at 2 o'clock sharp, so as to be finished by 4 o'clock.

IN TERROR OF RIPPER.

Supposed Murderer of Two Gotham Children Writes he Will Kill Another Soon.

New York, May 7.—The letter writing murderer who killed 5 year old Elenore Cohn and 4 year old Charlie Murray has written to the Murray boy's mother, telling her that he will commit another murder when the present excitement over her child's death subsides.

The letter was received yesterday at the time the little victim was about to be buried. Mrs. Murray, read one paragraph and collapsed. The missive was taken to police headquarters to be examined for finger prints.

The murder of the little boy, who was killed by knife wounds in his abdomen on the night of May 3, was preceded by a similar threat contained in a letter addressed to Mrs. Cohn, the mother of the little girl killed March 29. Both children, the police believe, were slain by the same person.

The letter to Mrs. Murray was mailed in this city, at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night, and was delivered today, while preparations were being made for funeral services. In the belief that the slayer would be in the neighborhood at the time of the funeral, scores of detectives mingled with the crowds outside the Murray home. The streets became so crowded that police had to preserve order.

One suspect, a man seen muttering to himself, was arrested, but later released after telling a story that convinced the police he knew nothing of the crime.

East Side mothers, thoroughly alarmed, escorted their children to and from school in the neighborhood today.

BRUTALLY TREATED

Philadelphia, May 7.—The entire police and detective force of Camden, N. J., is scouring the city for eight roughs who attacked Frank Hiller and Miss Muriel Kramer in a lonely section near the Cooper River late last night.

The roughs first beat the young man almost into unconsciousness and dragged him to the river bank, and then returned, and each in turn attacked the girl.

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RUSSIANS DENY AUSTRIAN CLAIMS

Petrograd Says Franz Josef's Army Has Met no Success

SEESAW CONDITIONS

Dispatches From Constantinople Alleged Turks Have Captured Many Men and Cannon.

London, May 7.—Tarnow captured by the Austrians, crumpling of the Russian left and the capture of 50,000 prisoners is announced by Vienna this morning followed swiftly by a denial from Petrograd that there had been any decisive Austrian success.

News dispatches indicate that the heavy artillery of the Austrians in western Galicia is sorely trying the Russian lines with the battle continuing day and night in a desperate effort to compel the Czar's forces to abandon the strategic advantage of possession of the Carpathian passes achieved after a brilliant campaign during the winter.

Unprecedented efforts are being made by the Austro-German forces along both the eastern and western battle fronts. Throughout virtually the whole length of the eastern front they are engaged with the Russians, while in the west, in addition to their attacks around Ypres they are on the offensive at many points. At other points they are being attacked by the French, British and Belgians.

Far up in the Russian Baltic provinces, heretofore untouched by the war, the Germans are attempting to advance toward Libau and Riga. On the East Prussian frontier they are engaged in a series of battles, and with a big gun are bombarding at long range as they did Dunkirk, the Russian fortress of Grodno.

In Central Poland they have had to defend themselves against a Russian attack. In Western Galicia they are attacking with all their strength the Russian flank and compelling the Russians to abandon the Carpathian passes which were gained at such cost during the winter.

Constantinople, May 7.—Ten machine guns, a great quantity of ammunition and many prisoners have been captured by the Turkish forces operating on the Gallipoli peninsula, according to today's official statement.

In all of the fighting to date the war office claims success has rested with the Turkish arms with the exception of the points where the enemy is operating under the concentrated fire of his ships. At these points the defending army has been withdrawn out of range, but the enemy has made no effort to attack.

In the fighting in the vicinity of Arruburnau an entire battalion of the enemy was annihilated. In the fighting for the position around Sedd-el-Bahr the English have lost heavily.

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AWAITING ITALY'S ACTION

Declaration of War Expected to be Decided at Rome at Any Time.

London, May 7.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen says it is reported in Berlin that Emperor William, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, and Gottlieb von Jagow the foreign secretary have arrived in the capital in connection with the Italian situation.

A declaration of war by Italy is expected hourly in Berlin, say advisers received in Copenhagen from the German capital. The Italian situation is regarded there as most serious.

Rome, May 7.—An uncensored dispatch from Vienna says that the proposed mission of Count Golukowski, special Austrian envoy to Rome, has been abandoned, since even if undertaken, it would be ineffective to delay war. Even further Austrian concessions could not possibly avert a rupture now.

Foreign Minister Sonnino has prepared a long statement for publication the moment Italy joins the allies in case she decides upon this action. This statement is designed to justify Italy's action before the world. It sets forth the historical, racial and economic and strategic reasons influencing the nation, and dwells upon the "intolerable position" of Italy in the Adriatic and on her eastern frontier.

CHILD KILLED BY AUTO

6-Year-Old Girl Ran In Front Of J. C. Roulette's Car

Frederick, May 7.—Alice, the 6-year-old daughter of C. Lynn Wood of New Market, was struck by a touring car belonging to J. C. Roulette, of Hagerstown last night and almost instantly killed. The child's skull was fractured and she died in a few minutes after being taken to the office of Dr. C. L. Magruder, in the Roulette machine.

Harry Higgins, the driver, and J. Edward Cochran, of Baltimore, the only occupants of the car, were arrested. At the hearing the driver was exonerated, principally upon the testimony of the child's father, who said the accident was unavoidable.

HAY ESTATE \$2,057,895.

Will of Secretary's Widow Divides It Among Children.

New York, May 6.—The estate of the late Mrs. Clara S. Hay, widow of John Hay, Secretary of State under President McKinley, is valued at \$2,057,895, according to an appraisal on file in the Surrogate's office in Brooklyn.

Mr. Hay died in Washington on May 19 last year. Her will divided the estate equally among her three children, Clarence L. Hay, Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., wife of the junior United States Senator from New York, and Mrs. Payne Whitney.

RELIES UPON LIQUOR LAW

West Virginia Asks That Webb-Kenyon Act Be Upheld

Washington, May 6.—Counsel for West Virginia yesterday filed a brief in the Supreme Court asking that the Webb-Kenyon Interstate Liquor law be held constitutional and interpreted as prohibiting the shipment of liquor for "personal use" into dry territory.

It also was submitted that the West Virginia statute against soliciting liquor orders was applicable to nonresident dealers since the passage of the Webb-Kenyon act.

NOTICE.

All persons practicing a profession or conducting business in this city for which a State license is required are hereby notified to make application for same on or before the 10th day of this month. Such application must be accompanied by necessary reports and no report will be received unless same is duly sworn to as provided by law. Amount of license must be deposited with the Treasurer, pending investigation of returns submitted by applicants to the Examiner of Records and Local Board of Review.

CHAS. H. CALLAHAN,
6-4t. Commissioner of Revenue

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TOLL OF DEATH IN SOUTHERN CYCLONE

Fifteen Lives Lost in Louisiana and Six in Mississippi

WIND HITS OKLAHOMA

Forty Buildings Blown Down in One Place; Church and Other Structures Fall at Another

Jackson, Miss., May 7.—Heavy property damage resulted from a wind storm which passed over the southern central portion of Mississippi yesterday, according to unconfirmed reports reaching here last night. Wire communication throughout this section last night was crippled, and no details were available. No casualties were reported. Several buildings were unroofed in Jackson, and trees and light structures in all parts of the city were damaged.

Memphis, Tenn., May 7.—Telephone and telephone service was interrupted, railroad schedules disarranged and in several sections plantation buildings were damaged by a wind and rainstorm which swept through Memphis and the sugar territory late yesterday. Near Clarksdale, Miss., a number of farm buildings were reported wrecked and four negroes killed.

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